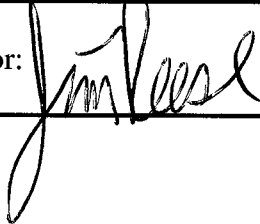


**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Farm Service Agency**  
**100 USDA, Suite 102**  
**Stillwater, OK 74074**

**For:** County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1766 (AR)**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director:



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1766 was declared effective April 3, 2003, for several counties in Arkansas based on damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from July 1 through December 31, 2002.

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Adair County in Oklahoma was named as a contiguous disaster county.

This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

**B Application Deadline**

EM loan applications will be received through December 3, 2003, for physical and production losses in the primary and contiguous counties.

**C Comparison With Previous OK Instructions**

This OK Notice supplements OK Instruction 1945-A, and OK Instruction 1924-B, Exhibit D.

**2 Action**

**A Determining Security Values**

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is July 1, 2002.

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Disposal	Distribution
January 1, 2004	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs

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### **2 Action, *cont.***

#### **B District Director Responsibility**

The District Director will closely monitor compliance to meet the requirements of Section 1945.20(a)(3) of FmHA Instruction 1945-A.

#### **C Public Announcements**

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local agricultural lenders and leaders.

### **3 Filing Instructions**

#### **A FLP Series**

This notice will be filed in chronological order with FLP series notices, and a copy of this notice will be filed preceding FmHA Instruction 1945-A and FmHA Instruction 1924-B.

#### **B Operation Filing**

A file will be established in the Farm Loan Office's operational file for each disaster designation. The file will contain a copy of this notice and documentation to support compliance with the requirements of Section 1945.20(1)(3). This file will be labeled, "Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1766 (AR)," filed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with Handbook 25-AS, exhibit 40.5.

### **4 Contact Point**

#### **A Inquiries**

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact Phil Estes, Farm Loan Programs Director, at (405) 742-1050.